

REMARKS

Claims 21-27 and 49 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 50-65 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116(b)(1) since the amendments cancel rejected claims thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

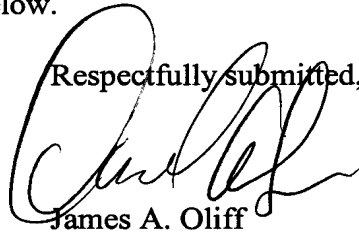
The Office Action, in paragraph 3, indicates that claims 21-27 and 49 are allowed. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowability. Amendments to the pending claims are undertaken in view of this indication of allowability. Specifically, claims 50-65 are canceled, thereby, placing this application in condition for allowance.

The Office Action, in paragraph 4, rejects claims 50-65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-A-10-207395 to Yoshio et al. in view of JP-A-62-125326 to Kazuyuki et al. The cancellation of claims 50-65 renders the rejection of these claims moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 21-27 and 49 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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